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SUBJ: ELECTION OF ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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1. EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION OF REPLACEMENT OF ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENT WITH GOI DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION SARKAR, WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH SITUATION. SARKAR QUICKLY DREW ATTENTION TO SUPPORT FOR KOTAITE CANDIDACY FROM ARAB MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND CONCLUDED THAT THIS PROBABLY TIED UP KOTAITE ELECTION. HE NOTED THAT ARAB SUPPORT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BRING AFRICAN MEMBERS ALONG, AS WELL AS LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS, IN BLOCK VOTING PATTERN WHICH MARKED ASSEMBLY MEETING LAST YEAR.

2. BOTH SARKER AND OTHER CIVAIR OFFICIAL INDICATED THEY FELT KOTAITE WAS COMPETENT TO FILL COUNCIL PRESIDENCY ALTHOUGH NOT THE SAME STATURE AS BINAGHI. SARKAR UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER CANDIDACY FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT OR FOR POTENTIAL OPENING IN SECRETARY GENERAL SLOT. GOI, HE SAID, WOULD NOT BE NOMINATING ANY CANDIDATES.

3. SARKAR INDICATED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION ON ELECTIONS
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INDICATED PARA 2 REFTEL BUT SAID FINAL DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO WAIT

POSSIBILITY OTHER CANDIDATES MIGHT BE PROPOSED. HE ALSO AGREED
THAT IIO WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY LONG TERM TENURE OF LEADING
OFFICIALS AND THEIR TECHNICAL COMPETENCE IN CIVIL AVIATION
FIELD.
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